

**BETHEL ISLAND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
P.O. BOX 1388, BETHEL ISLAND, CA 94511-1388**

<u>Date</u>	12/9/2008
<u>Place</u>	Scout Hall, Bethel Island, CA 94511
<u>Flag Salute</u>	6:00
<u>Members Present</u>	Joe Stokley, Rich Marshall, Belinda Bittner, R. Cameron, D. Graas
<u>Members absent</u>	None

Approval of Agenda R. Cameron made motion to approve, Rich Marshall seconded. Approved

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting Belinda Bittner made motion to approve, R. Marshall seconded. Approved

Insert from Chair (J. Stokley) From the new recommendations for MAC Council meetings, Joe stated that the purpose of the MACs should be read before each meeting.

Public Comment Bob Olson asked what could be done to improve participation at meetings. Mar Lawry (BIMID) said that she could possibly put article in BIMID's end of the month flyer. Other means of publicity were discussed. B. Cameron proposed sending info along with Island's Water Companies billings.

Sheriffs' Dept. /Resident Deputy's Report No Report

Marine Patrol Lt. Will Duke passed report and explained items. There were 23 citations, with 16 vehicle codes included. Lt. Duke noted that more than 50% of vessels inspected failed. There were 9 total arrests, (3 warrants, 4 drugs and alcohol) Lt. Duke stated that Marine Patrol has been operational since 1955. He gave history, and talked about the problems that the Patrol is facing because of budget monetary cuts. This year's budget has fewer monies to clean up derelict vessels, so priorities must be made. He stated that owners with boats that are nearing the derelict stage could be turned over to the Dept. for disposal for a \$100 fee before they are allowed to pollute waterways. This is considerably less than private disposal costs. Abandoned vehicle program has been discontinued. J. Stokley asked about an auxiliary such as the Coast Guard has. Lt. Duke cited liability concerns forbade that. There are still areas for volunteers, though not actively on board vessels. Audience member questioned Duck Blinds. Lt. Duke stated that they should be tethered safely to keep from entering waterways. B. Bittner asked if Marine Patrol would be willing to accept boats at Island Clean-up. Lt. Duke was very interested, and suggested meeting to discuss this item.

Fire/Public Safety No Report

Lynn Riechard: Staff, Dist V: Catherine Kusterous still working legal options re: Delta Coves and bond monies.
Street Name Change: Waiting for approval letter from Fire Dept and Public Works.
Bethel Island Bridge: Final plan submitted end of November. Construction should start May '09.
"All MAC Policy": Meeting on Dec. 16th at Supervisors office.
Lynn stated that MAC Board members would serve terms of four years. There will be four seats open on Bethel Island Board as of Dec. 31st. She had applications for present seated Board Members to fill out and submit.
Joe Stokley expressed concern for missing light on corner of Gateway and Piper Roads.
Joe also asked if County had preferences where MAC meetings would be held. (BIMID Hall vs. Scout Hall) County must pay for Scout Hall. She said there were none. Bob Cameron made motion to continue at Scout Hall for another six months and reassess. R. Marshall seconded. Four (4) votes yea, one (1) vote nay. (B. Bittner)
Audience member asked if road work on Willow Road was complete. Lynn thought it was. He said there was a "high spot" around 4300 and was a possible danger. Lynn will check into this.

BETHEL ISLAND/DELTA (CHAIR) LAFCO meeting Dec. 10, at Board of Supervisors Office, Martinez

Neighborhood Watch Boat stolen from 3635 Willow Road.

Committee Reports

1. Code Enforcement No Report

2. BICC . Coronation of Bethel Island Queen at Rusty Porthole, on New Year's Day after Bun Run.

4. B.I.M.I.D. Meeting Thursday, Dec. 11. The three new Board members will be sworn in. (Rocca, Maloney and Eisenbeis)

6. AD HOC PARK COMMITTEE Mar Lawry stated that meeting should be scheduled to discuss Memorial Wall for Park.

Old Business

Bethel Island Area(s) House Number Project” Public Works agreed to installation. Lynn Riechard will send rules outlining same. Signs will be placed so they are readable from both directions. Bank of Fremont has donated \$750 toward program. Kits are available at \$17.50. Fire Dept. will supply letters. BIMID will handle cash. Fire Dept. would like to see signs posted on docks, levees and streets. Fire Dept will place numbers and install signs.

Permit Applications: None

New Business

BIMAC Web Site Consideration: Lynn Riechard stated that agendas, meeting times and minutes are posted on County website. Other suggestions were to add links to BICC and Belinda Bittner's websites.

Announcements

David Graas talked about installing “Dry Hydrants” on levees for drafting water. Island Water Companies may help fund. Demonstration last Saturday showed it to be effective in supplying a good amount of water and set-up was time efficient.
Belinda Bittner asked about reviving committee regarding variances with new houses. Possibly require new construction to add special venting that will allow fire to exit building through vents, rather than have “blowout” through roof causing danger to firefighters.

Adjourned

Belinda Bittner made motion to adjourn, D. Graas seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully Submitted, Irene Campbell/recording sec 12/10/2008

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JOE STOKLEY, BELINDA BITTNER, RICH MARSHALL, ROBERT CAMERON
ALTERNATE: DAVID GRAAS RECORDING SECRETARY: IRENE CAMPBELL